

Visual Arts, Diploma

Creativity takes innovative thinking, determination and visual literacy. By choosing either the Visual Art Diploma Program or the Bachelor of Fine Art Program, you will be challenged over two years to develop your ideas and push your artistic limits. Studio courses in drawing, painting, ceramics, visual fundamentals, and sculpture sharpen your sense of sight, enhance your skills of visual expression, and broaden your creative abilities. The instructors in the Visual Art Department are themselves practicing artists. Studios are fully equipped for ceramics, sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, and design. English and Art History courses offer equal strengths in visual arts vocabulary and critical thinking while making art of your own.

What you can be with your Visual Arts, Diploma:

Product Designer/Illustrator	Display Designer	Fund Development	Industrial Designer
Public Relations Representative #5124	Technical Writer #5121.2	Pre-Press Technician #9472.5	Photographic Processing Technician #9474
Heritage Interpreter #5212.3	Archivist #5113	Curator #5112.2	Historian #4169.4
Appraiser #1235.1	Exhibit Designer #5243.3	Conservator #5112.1	Museum Technician #5212.6
Records Management Technician #1413	Personal Property and Equipment Appraiser #1235.3	Occupational Therapist Assistant #3414.2	Mechanical Design Technologist #2232.1
Costume Designer #5243.1	Painter/Print Maker #5136.1	Sculptor #5136.2	Illustrator #5241.2
Textile Designer	Photographer #5221	Fashion Designer #5243.2	Interior Decorator #6421
Make-up Artist #5226.5	Graphic Designer #5241.1	Animator #5241.1	Craftsperson #5244
Recreation Therapy Aid #3414.2	Recreation Therapist #3144	Creative Arts Therapist #3144	Art Instructor #5136.3
Career and Technology Studies Teacher #4141	Landscape Architectural Technologist #2225.4	Canadian Forces Personnel	Citizenship & Immigration Officer
Aboriginal Liaison	Jeweler #7344.1	Set Designer #5243.1	Lighting Technician/Designer
Critic #5123	Architect #2151	Cinematographer #5131	Esthetician #6482.1
Film Director #5131.2	Interactive Media Programmer #2174.2		

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

RDC Department Information: Visual Arts, Diploma rdc.ab.ca/programs/creative-arts

Potential employers:

Museum	Government	Regional Theatres	Commercial Theatres
Community Theatres	Children's Theatres	K-12 Public and Private Schools	For-Profit Agencies
TV/Film Studios	Galleries	Colleges/Universities	Salons
Cultural Institutions	Festivals (arts, cultural)	Fundraising Firms	

Major Skills Obtained from a Visual Arts Diploma Program

- Meet deadlines
- Organizational skills
- Present ideas and data clearly
- Ability to influence and persuade
- Mediate/negotiate conflicts
- Public speaking skills
- Critical listening
- Develop research designs and models
- Utilize survey research methods
- Research skills
- Synthesize complex information
- Provide relevant perspectives
- Ability to make projections
- Conceptualize and implement projects
- Critical thinking and comprehension of ideas and information

Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

Canada Council for the Arts - <http://www.canadacouncil.ca>
 Alliance for Arts and Culture - <http://www.allianceforarts.com>
 Cultural Human Resources Council - <http://www.culturalhrc.ca>
 Career Alternatives for Art Historians - <http://www.nd.edu/~crosenbe/jobs.html>
 Media Job Search Canada - <http://www.mediajobsearchcanada.com>
 Art Libraries Society of North America - <http://www.arlisna.org>
 Southern Alberta Art Gallery - www.saaag.ca
 U of L Art Gallery - www.uleth.ca/artgallery
 National Film Board - www.onf-nfb.gc.ca/eng/home.php
 Aboriginal Peoples Television Network - www.aptn.ca/
 Theatre Calgary - www.theatrecalgary.com/
 CBC Radio-Canada - www.cbc.ca/radio/
 CityTV - www.citytv.com/

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